

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

D.T.E. No. 02-8

RECORD
REQUEST: Verizon's Requests to AT&T Communications of New England, Inc.

DATED: July 11, 2002

RR-VZ-1: Has AT&T acquired physical collocation space in Westborough, Massachusetts and, if so, is it currently in use?

Respondent: Anthony Fea

RESPONSE: No, not directly from Verizon. We have confirmed that AT&T acquired physical collocation space in Westborough -- where it also has virtual collocation -- when it purchased the assets of Northpoint Communications, as was surmised at the hearing (Tr. 2, at 489-490). The Westborough cage was one of approximately 1800 collocation arrangements that AT&T obtained when it acquired Northpoint's assets. No AT&T customers are currently served out of that cage, although former Northpoint collocation arrangements in other jurisdictions have been re-engineered and provide broadband and/or voice service. The Westborough cage is part of a massive network re-engineering project, involving the approximately 1800 sites that AT&T is analyzing to determine whether the cages should be utilized (and how they may be best utilized) or returned to the ILEC. Verizon assesses and AT&T pays monthly recurring charges for such arrangements until and unless they are returned.

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RR-VZ-2: Is it true that AT&T has chosen to obtain virtual collocation arrangements from Verizon within New England?

Respondent: Anthony Fea

RESPONSE: No. Out of all of AT&T's collocation arrangements in New England, only two are virtual; neither was chosen when physical was available. One of the two is the Westborough site, which was obtained as virtual because no physical was available at the time it was ordered. The other site is located outside of Massachusetts. Similarly, it was obtained as virtual because no physical was available at the time it was ordered.